

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention is intended to control the amount of power to be supplied to a fusing heater below a maximum applicable current value. The engine controller supplies electricity to both of two heating bodies at the same fixed duty $D1$. At a phase angle $\alpha 1$ corresponding to the fixed duty $D1$, pulse signals $ON1$ and $ON2$ are issued in response to a ZEROX signal as a trigger. A current value $I1$ is detected based on a HCRRT signal from the current detection circuit. The engine controller calculates an upper limit of applicable power duty $Dlimit$ based on the detected current value $I1$, the fixed duty $D1$ and the preset applicable current value $Ilimit$. Then, a PI temperature control is performed at a duty below the upper limit duty $Dlimit$.